

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor..... Jere F. Irwin  
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Group Art Unit..... 3724  
Examiner ..... Stephen Choi  
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Title: "Trim Press Article Handling Apparatus"

**RESPONSE TO 01/05/2007 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY RCE FILING**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2007, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.